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**SUBJECT: MEYER LANSKY** 

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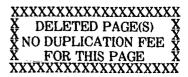






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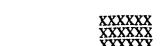






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Director, FBI 91-1262

MEYER LANSKY

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Enclosed for your information are two copies of Department letter dated 6/17/71 requesting specific information concerning Lansky and his associates.

By letterhead memorandum advise the Bureau by July 1 what steps may be taken by your office to obtain the information requested by the Department. You should include any pertinent comments concerning the possibility of obtaining such information or if such cannot be done, so state.

The development of any requested information should. of course, be made strictly in accordance with your local conditions and the instructions under which you handle your assignment as legal attache.

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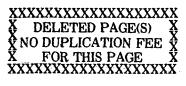






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June 24, 1971

Director, FBI

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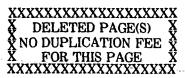






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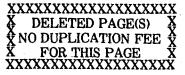


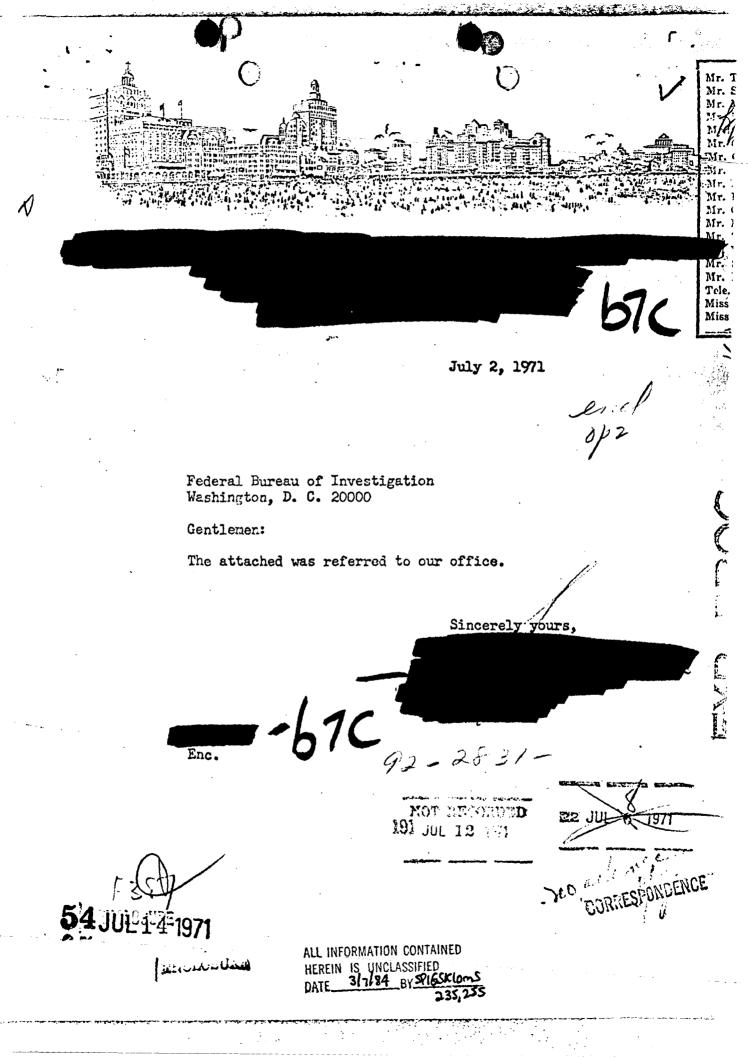




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To: LEGAT, Tel Aviv

From: Director, FBI

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ReBucab dated 7/1/71.

Enclosed for your information are two copies of a portion of an article which appeared in "Life" magazine, 9/8/67, which sets forth background on Lansky and some of his associates as they were involved in casino gambling in the United States.

Enclosed are also two copies of an article from the "New York Times" dated 6/10/71, and two copies of an article from "The Wall Street Journal," 11/19/69 which provide additional public source information concerning Lansky.

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#### ISRAELI IMMIGRANT STATUS

As noted above, subject has officially expressed a desire to obtain immigrant status in Israel at the time his current tourist visa expires in July 1971

by the United States Embassy, Tel Aviv, that the United States Department of State instructed the United States Embassy to inform subject that his passport, Number A 068670, issued to him on February 3, 1970, had been revoked under the provisions of Sections 51.70 and 51.71 of the Passport Regulations. He was further advised that if he should desire to obtain documentation for direct and immediate return to the United States, the United States Embassy in Tel Aviv would provide the facilities for doing so. He was requested to surrender his passport to the Consular Section, United States Embassy, by return mail. As of June 28, 1971, the Consular Section, United States Embassy, had received no reply from the subject. The letter was directed to in care of Gornitzky and Company, 39 Montefiore Street, Tel Aviv," 156 Archedescribed by the Consular Section as the law firm representing subject.

Also on May 18, 1971, a letter was directed to the Israel National Police (INP) Headquarters in Jerusalem, advising INP of the revocation of subject's passport. It was noted that subject's passport was revoked since he is the subject of felony warrants of arrest for violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371 (conspiracy to commit offenses against the United States, that is to violate Title 18, United States Code, Section 1952, by using facilities and traveling in interstate commerce to carry on and distribute the proceeds of an illegal gambling operation), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 401 (criminal contempt, in that subject refused to appear before the United States Grand Jury in the Southern District of Florida on March 10 and 11, 1971, pursuant to lawful subpoena and court order).

"The Jerusalem Post", an English language newspaper published in Jerusalem, Israel, for March 11, 1971, contains an article noting that subject, described as "the alleged Mafia financial genius now on a 'lengthy vacation' in Israel," would be liable to a contempt citation if he ignored the above-mentioned subpoena.





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In connection with subject's desire to obtain Israeli immigration status and the rejection of Sigelbaum, Rose, and Marcus, mentioned above, Israeli newspapers "Davar" and "Haaretz" for June 10 and 13, 1971, respectively, began a series of articles continuing through the weekend of June 26, 1971, regarding the interpretation of the "Law of the Return." This is the law in Israel permitting any Jew in the world to immigrate to Israel without concern for quota, as long as he is not insane or a criminal. It is the latter condition which the two newspapers focused their attention on, and related to subject's desire to remain in Israel and the rejection of Sigelbaum, Rose, and Marcus (all Jews) from Israel. Most articles questioned the absence of actual convictions and time that subject has spent in prison for crimes committed.

In the "Davar" article for Jume 10, 1971, it was noted that the Israeli Ministry of the Interior admitted that subject's presence in Israel is not desired, "but what is already done cannot be undone." The article observed that this explanation is illogical, since the Ministry of the Interior recently granted subject's request for an extension of his tourist visa for the third time (May, 1971). It was noted that a tourist visa may be extended each three months to a maximum of two years. The article concluded by noting that the Ministry of the Interior can refuse to provide subject with an immigrant visa, and would justify his refusal in the High Court of Justice with the statement that subject "has a criminal past and is likely to endanger the public peace."

The "Haaretz" article for June 13, 1971, commented on the weakness of the Law of the Return, noting that a "criminal past" is not sufficient to bar a Jew from migrating to Israel. It must be established that the person accused is "likely to endanger the public peace."

#### **ACTIVITIES**

"Haaretz", in a series of articles attempting to illustrate the existence of organized crime in Israel and subject's affiliation with organized crime in Israel, alleged in one issue that he had a substantial interest in the Israeli Dan Hotel chain. The June 15, 1971, edition of "Haaretz" revealed that Dan Hotels instituted suit against "Haaretz," claiming one million pounds against the newspaper and its editors as damage for the allegation mentioned above. The suit includes a statement that the "Haaretz" report to this effect "was an absolute lie," since subject has invested no funds in the chain, either directly or indirectly, and "does not belong to the Miami group," an unidentified organization which has some affiliation with the Dan Hotel chain.







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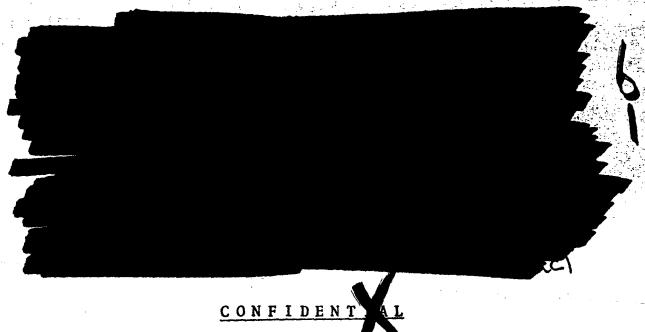


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The series of "Haaretz" articles claiming the existence of organized crime in Israel culminated, according to a June 24, 1971, article appearing in 'The Jerusalem Post," with a probe directed by the Israeli Minister of Justice. The Minister, Mr. Y. S. Shapiro, advised the Knesset on June 23, 1971, that the information appearing in the articles was "very grave." He claimed, however, that nothing was "proven" in the articles, and he felt it would be premature to refer the matter to a serious discussion by the Knesset. He stated that it would take between two to three months for the Attorney General of Israel to complete a preliminary inquiry based on the series of articles.

Also in the above "Jerusalem Post" article for June 24, 1971, the issue of subject obtaining an immigrant visa was discussed. Mr. Shapiro stated that court convictions were not essential in deciding whether an individual had a criminal past. Such a background, he added, entitled the Interior Minister to deny an immigration visa, under the Law of the Return. He also observed that when subject arrived in Israel, there was no information available to the Israeli Government with regard to his criminal background. Had he applied at that time for Israeli citizenship, he would have obtained same without any problem.

Following the rejection from Israel of Sigelbaum, Marcus, and Rose, most Israeli newspapers, through sources in Israel, their correspondents in the United States, and other sources abroad, obtained an extensive amount of material regarding subject's background and relation to well known criminals in the United States. Articles on this background appeared in these newspapers in prominent sections of the newspapers almost daily for the first two weeks of June, 1971.





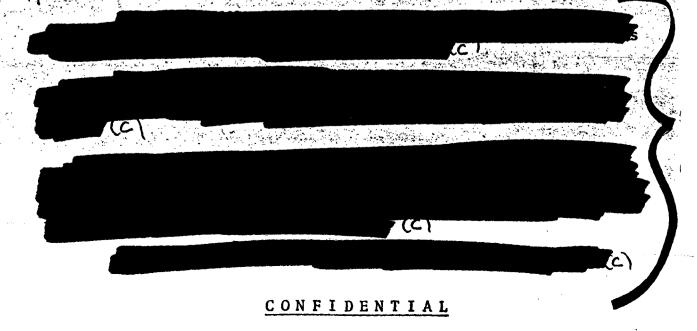
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#### RESPONSE TO UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CRIMINAL DIVISION, INQUIRY

By memorandum dated June 17, 1971, Mr. Will Wilson, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, directed inquiries to the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning activities of subject in Israel. In his memorandum, Mr. Wilson made reference to a "New York Times" article indicating there is a "sharp clash" in the higher echelon of the Israeli Government as to subject's continued welcome in that country.









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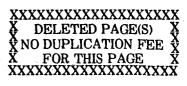


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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C.

July 16, 1971

#### MEYER LANSKY

On July 15, 1971, subject's attorney in Tel Aviv, hand delivered to the Consul General, U. S. Embassy, Tel Aviv, a letter dated July 5, 1971, which responds to the Consul General's letter of May 18, 1971 (notification of revocation of subject's passport). Subject's letter reads as follows:

"In reply to your letter of May 18, 1971, I hereby notify you that I desire a hearing, in accordance with the passport regulations, to establish the basis for the said revocation.

"Sincerely,

'Meyer Lansky (signed)"

The Consul General has requested instructions from the U.S. Department of State with regard to conducting a hearing.

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Israeli newspapers for July 21 and July 22, 1971, published articles noting that subject was given an extension of his tourist visa for the sixth time. He now has an extension to August 21, 1971; his current visa was due to expire July 27, 1971. The extension was granted by the Minister of the Interior and the articles noted that "Ministry sources" stated July 21, 1971, that subject's future in Israel was still pending. These sources refused to comment on whether the one-month extension had been decided on after consultations with other Israeli Government agencies.

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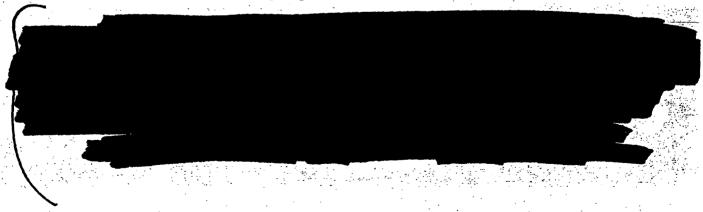
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The July 23, 1971, issue of "The Jerusalem Post," an English-language newspaper published in Jerusalem, Israel, contained an article captioned "Lansky to Post IL50,000 Bond." The article notes that subject will deposit the above sum with the District Court of Tel Aviv to cover costs in the event he loses the IL one million libel suit he has brought against the Hebrew-language newspaper "Yediot Ahronot," published in Israel, for describing subject as a central figure in United States organized crime. It is noted that the above newspaper had asked for a bond of IL one hundred thousand.

Subject is suing the newspaper for "damage to his good name," resulting from a series of articles appearing in "Yediot Ahronot." The newspaper, in its defense, has stated that the subject "had no good name to be damaged."

The above article further noted that the Dan Hotels Company has withdrawn its IL one million libel suit against "Ha'aretz," a Hebrew-language newspaper published in Israel, in return for an apology by this newspaper (July 23, 1971) as well as a contribution to the Israeli Disabled Veterans Fund. "Ha'aretz" also agreed to pay for legal costs, which will include one-half of the court fee of IL five thousand paid by the Dan Hotels Company. It is noted that the Dan Hotels Company sued "Ha'aretz" for an article, which appeared in that paper on May 14, 1971, alleging that subject was one of the heads of the "Miami group," which controls the Dan Hotel chain.



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On July 23, 1971, a second official of the United States Embassy, Tel Aviv, advised that the U. S. Department of State has authorized the U. S. Embassy, Tel Aviv, to grant subject a hearing as he previously requested concerning the revocation of his passport. The official stated that on July 23, 1971, a letter from the Embassy was directed to subject stating that the hearing date has been set for July 28, 1971. The official noted that subject has the option to suggest another date if the July 28, 1971, date is not convenient.

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James R. Hoffa has been incarcerated at the U.S. Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, since March 7, 1967, serving a 13-year sentence for jury tampering and pension fund fraud.

On March 25, 1971, a Federal Grand Jury in Miami, Florida, handed down an indictment charging Meyer Lansky, Morris Lansburgh, and Samuel Cohen with income tax violations resulting from alleged "skimming" from the casino of the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. In this indictment, Louis Poller is mentioned as an unindicted co-conspirator.

The following is a copy of the above indictment as it appeared in the "Miami Beach Sun" newspaper on March 29, 1971:

(FDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the full indictment issued against Meyer Lansky, Morris insburgh and Sam Cohen, by the Federal Grand Jury

#### THE GRAND JURY CHARGES

Commencing prior to May 31, 1960 and continuing to and including the return of this indictment in the Southern District of Florida and elsewhere defendants Flamingo Company, Meyer Lansky, Sam Cohen, Morris Lansburgh, Sam Belkin and Jerry Gordon and their unindicted co-conspirators Rubin Zerlin, Lou Poller, Chester Simms (now deceased) and others to the Grand Jury unknown agreed, combined, confederated and conspired together to commit offenses against the United States: that is:

To travel in and use facilities in interstate and foreign commerce between the Southern District of Florida, Nevada, New York, Switzerland and elsewhere with the intent to establish, promote, manage and carry on and facilitate the establishment promotion, management and carrying on of an unlawful activity and to distribute the proceeds of the operation and sale of said unlawful activity, that is a business enterprise involving gambling in violation of the laws of Nevada, specifically Nevada Revised Statutes...of the Nevada Gaming Commission and their predecessor statutes and regulations, and thereafter to perform acts of establishment, promotion, management and carrying on and distribution of proceeds from said unlawful activity in violation of Section 1952, Title 18, United States Code.

The means by which this conspiracy was to be ac complished were as follows:

Defendant Meyer Lansky, one of the original controlling interests in the Flamingo Hotel and Casino, Clark County, Nevada, would cause defendants Flamingo Company, Sam Cohen and Morris Lansburgh to purchase the Flamingo from Hotel Flamingo, Inc., and Albert Parvin in or about May, 1960, and thereafter cause payments totalling \$200,000 to be made from the proceeds of the Flamingo operation during the continuation of the conspiracy through Hotel Flamingo, Inc., and the Albert Parvin Foundation to Meyer Lansky.

Defendants Flamingo Company, Sam Cohen, Morris Lansburgh and other named and unknown co-conspirators would apply for and receive gambling licenses and renewals thereof from the State of Nevada for operation of the Flamingo hotel and casino and would conceal from state authorities the interest and right to receive proceeds from the Flamingo of Meyer Lansky and others.

Defendants Flamingo Company, Morris Lansburgh, Jerry Gordon and Sam Belkin and unindicted co-conspirator Chester Simms and others unknown to the Grand Jury would operate the gambling casino of the Flamingo and conceal from Nevada gambling authorities and the United States Treasury Department the true casino receipts by understating approximately \$2,000,000 or more of casino income yearly.

Defendants Lansburgh and Cohen and unindicted coconspirators Rubin Zerlin and Lou Poller would negotiate the sale of the Flamingo on behalf of the named defendants and conspirators and other unknown co-conspirators and in order to secure a higher price would reveal that approximately \$2,000,000 yearly in unreported proceeds from the Flamingo would be available for distribution after the defendant

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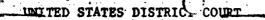
Lansky had been paid his portion of the sale price in cash.

The named defendants and conspirators and other unknown co-conspirators would cause these unreported proceeds of the Flamingo operation to be distributed in interstate and foreign commerce between the Southern District of Florida and Nevada, New York, Switzerland and elsewhere.

In order to effect the objects of the conspiracy and in futherance thereof the named defendants and unindicted conspirators and unknown co-conspirators committed various overt acts in the Southern District of Florida and elsewhere, including the following:

OVERT ACTS

- 1. On or about September 7, 1960, Meyer Lansky executed an agreement requiring Hotel Flamingo, Inc., pay Lansky \$200,000.
- 2. At quarterly intervals beginning on or about January 2, 1961, and continuing through 1966, Meyer Lansky received payments in Hollywood, Florida, of \$6,250 per quarter from Flamingo Company proceeds through the Albert Parvin Foundation.
- 3. During the months of January and February, 1965, in Dade County, Florida, and Clark County, Nevada, Morris Lansburgh, Sam Coben, Rubin Zerlin and Lou Poller engaged in negotiations with a potential purchaser of the Flamingo hotel and casino.
- 4. On or about March 29, 1965, Morris Lansburgh sent correspondence from Clark County, Nevada, to the Flamingo New York office concerning unrecorded gambling debts owed to the Flamingo.
- 5. On or about August 20, 1966, in Clark County, Nevada, Morris Lansburgh received a 1966 Cadillac in payment of an unrecorded gambling debt owed to the Flamingo.
- 6. On or about December 8, 1966, in Clark County, Nevada, Chester Simms received a 1967 Cadillac automobile in payment of an unrecorded gambling debt owed to the Flamingo.
- 7. On or about December 30, 1966, and March 31, June 30 and September 8, 1967, Meyer Lansky received payments in Hollywood, Florida, totalling \$50,000 from Plamingo Company proceeds through the Albert Parvin Foundation?



#### SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

No.

#### 18 U.S.C. § 371: Conspiracy

- 8. At approximately monthly intervals during the period from May, 1960, to September, 1967, the exact dates being to the Grand Jury unknown, Morris Lansburgh, Chester Simms and unknown co-conspirators received large amounts of currency from employees of the Flamingo's New York office.
- 9. On or about June 3, 1966, Jerry Gordon signed and caused to be filed the corporate tax return of the Flamingo Company for the Fiscal year ending March 31, 1966.
- 10. On or about June 13, 1967, Jerry Gordon signed and caused to be filed the corporate tax return of the Flamingo Company for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1967.
- 11. On or about December 2, 1968, in Los Angeles, California, Morris Lansburgh signed and caused to be filed the corporate tax return for the Flamingo Company for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1968.
- 12. On various dates during the continuation of the conspiracy Sam Cohen, Morris Lansburgh, Rubi Zerlin, Lou Poller and unknown co-conspirators caused the deposit of large amounts of currency to the account of Exchange and Investment Bank of Switzerland at Miami National Bank, Miami, Florida, and the transmittal to Switzerland of proceeds of the Flaming operation.

All in violation of Section 371, Title 18, United States Code.



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#### - ADMINISTRATIVE -

A copy of this report is furnished to New York

TANSKY will remain in Israel if granted citizenship.

There has been no indication that subject would voluntarily return to the United States.

Since submission of the last report, there have been numerous communications, newspaper articles, etc., pertaining to the subject, which are being excluded from this report for the sake of brevity, and only what is felt pertinent to subject's current situation is being reported.

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MEYER LANSKY

August 3, 1971

Character:

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Synopsis:

was served in Tel Aviv, Israel, with FGJ, Miami, subpoens on 3/4/71 to appear in USDC, Miami, Fla., 3/10/71. Subject indicted by FGJ, Miami, on 3/24/71 for violation Sec. 401, Title 18, USC, for Criminal Contempt; \$200,000 bond recommended. On 3/25/71, LAMSKY indicted with MORRIS DANSBURGH, SAM COHEN and others for income tax violation resulting from alleged "skimming" from Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas, Nev.; \$100,000 bond recommended. Indictment set forth.

DETAILS:

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MEYER LANSKY Was

served with a subpoena by the United States Embassy
Consular Officer, Tel Aviv, Israel, to appear before
a Federal Grand Jury, Miami, Florida, on March 10, 1971.

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On March 24, 1971, MEYER LANSKY was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury, Miami, Florida, for a violation of Section 401, Title 18, U. S. Code, for Criminal Contempt of the Federal Grand Jury, Miami. A bond of \$200,000 was recommended.

On March 25, 1971, MEYER LANSKY, MORRIS LANSBURGH, SAM COHEN and others were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in Miami for a violation of income tax statutes resulting from alleged "skimming" from the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, from alleged "skimming" from the Flamingo Hotel in Connection Mevada. A \$100,000 bond was set by the court in connection with this charge.

The following is a true copy of the above indictment, as it appeared in the "Beach Sun," Miami Beach, Florida, on March 29, 1971:

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is all indictment issued against Meyer Lansky, Morris Lansburgh and Sam Cohen, by the Federal Grand Jury.)

#### THE GRAND JURY CHARGES

Commencing prior to May 31, 1960, and continuing to and including the return of this indictment in the Southern District of Florida and elsewhere defendants Flamingo Company, Meyer Lansky, Sam Cohen, Morris Lansburgh, Sam Belkin and Jerry Gordon and their unindicted co-conspirators Rubin Zerlin, Lou Poller, Chester Simms (now deceased) and others to the Grand Jury unknown agreed, combined, confederated and conspired together to commit offenses against the United States; that is;

To travel in and use facilities in interstate and foreign commerce between the Southern District of Florida, Nevada, New York, Switzerland and elsewhere with the intent to establish, promote, manage and carry on and facilitate the establishment promotion, management and carrying on of an unlawful activity and to distribute the proceeds of the operation and sale of said unlawful activity, that is a business enterprise involving gambling in violation of the laws of Nevada, specifically Nevada Revised Statutes...of the Nevada Gaming Commission and their predecessor statutes and regulations, and thereafter to perform acts of establishment, promotion, management and carrying on and distribution of proceeds from said unlawful activity in violation of Section 1952, Title 18, United States Code.

The means by which this conspiracy was to be accomplished were as follows:

Defendant Meyer Lansky, one of the original controlling interests in the Flamingo Hotel and Casino,
Clark County, Nevada, would cause defendants Flamingo Company, Sam Cohen and Morris Lansburgh to
purchase the Flamingo from Hotel Flamingo, Inc.,
and Albert Parvin in or about May, 1960, and thereafter cause payments totalling \$200,000 to be made
from the proceeds of the Flamingo operation during
the continuation of the conspiracy through Hotel
Flamingo, Inc., and the Albert Parvin Foundation
to Meyer Lansky.

Defendants Flamingo Company, Sam Cohen, Morris Lansburgh and other named and unknown co-conspirators would apply for and receive gambling licenses and renewals thereof from the State of Nevada for operation of the Flamingo hotel and casino and would conceal from state authorities the interest and right to receive proceeds from the Flamingo of Meyer Lansky and others.

Defendants Flamingo Company, Morris Lansburgh, Jerry Gordon and Sam Belkin and unindicted co-conspirator Chester Simms and others unknown to the Grand Jury would operate the gambling casino of the Flamingo and conceal from Nevada gambling authorities and the United States Treasury Department the true casino receipts by understating approximately \$2,000,000 or more of casino income yearly.

Defendants Lansburgh and Cohen and unindicted coconspirators Rubin Zerlin and Lou Poller would negotiate the sale of the Flamingo on behalf of the named defendants and conspirators and other unknown co-conspirators and in order to secure a higher price would reveal that approximately \$2,000,000 yearly in unreported proceeds from the Flamingo would be available for distribution after the defendant

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<b>v</b> •
FLAMINGO COMPANY )
A Nevada Corporation, )
MEYER LANSKY,
SAM COHEN
MORRIS LANSBURGH. ( )
SAM BELKIN,
JERRY GORDON, )
Defendents )

Lansky had been paid his portion of the sale price in cash.

The named defendants and conspirators and other unknown co-conspirators would cause these unreported proceeds of the Flamingo operation to be distributed in interstate and foreign commerce between the Southern District of Florida and Nevada, New York, Switzerland and elsewhere.

In order to effect the objects of the conspiracy and in futherance thereof the named defendants and unindicted conspirators and unknown co-conspirators committed various overt acts in the Southern District of Florida and elsewhere, including the following:

#### OVERT ACTS

- 1. On or about September 7, 1960, Meyer Lansky fixecuted an agreement requiring Hotel Flamingo, Inc., to pay Lansky \$200,000.
- 2. At quarterly intervals beginning on or about January 2, 1961, and continuing through 1966, Meyer Lansky received payments in Hollywood, Florida, of \$6,250 per quarter from Flamingo Company proceeds through the Albert Parvin Foundation.
- 3. Dûring the months of January and February, 1965, in Dade County, Florida, and Clark County, Nevada, Morris Lansburgh, Sam Cohen, Rubin Zerlin and Lou Poller engaged in negotiations with a potential purchaser of the Flamingo hotel and casino.
- 4. On or about March 29, 1965, Morris Lansburgh sent correspondence from Clark County, Nevada, to the Flamingo New York office concerning unrecorded gambling debts owed to the Flamingo.
- 5. On or about August 20, 1966, in Clark County, Nevada, Morris Lansburgh received a 1966 Cadillac in payment of an unrecorded gambling debt owed to the Flamingo.
- 6. On or about December 8, 1966, in Clark County, Nevada, Chester Simms received a 1967 Cadillac automobile in payment of an unrecorded gambling debt owed to the Flamingo.
- 7. On or about December 30, 1966, and March 31, June 30 and September 8, 1967, Meyer Lansky received payments in Hollywood, Florida, totalling \$50,000 from Flamingo Company proceeds through the Albert Parvin Foundation.

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#### STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

18 U.S.C. § 371: Conspiracy

At approximately monthly intervals during the period from May, 1960, to September, 1967, the exact dates being to the Grand Jury unknown, Morris Lansburgh, Chester Simms and unknown co-conspirators received large amounts of currency from employees of the Flamingo's New York office.

9. On or about June 3, 1966, Jerry Gordon signed and caused to be filed the corporate tax return of the Flamingo Company for the Fiscal year ending March

31. 1966.

10. On or about June 13, 1967, Jerry Gordon signed and caused to be filed the corporate tax return of the Flamingo Company for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1967.

11. On or about December 2, 1968, in Los Angeles, California, Morris Lansburgh signed and caused to be filed the corporate tax return for the Flamingo Company for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1968.

12. On various dates during the continuation of the conspiracy Sam Cohen, Morris Lansburgh, Rubi Zerlin, Lou Poller and unknown co-conspirators caused the deposit of large amounts of currency to the account of Exchange and Investment Bank of Switzerland at Miami National Bank, Miami, Florida, and the trans, mittal to Switzerland of proceeds of the Flamingo operation.

All in violation of Section 371, Title 18, United

States Code.

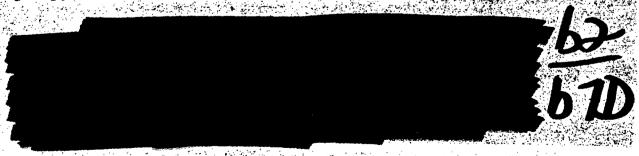
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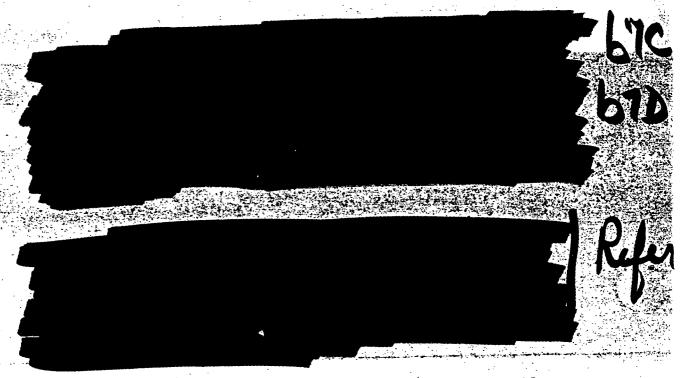
The July 23, 1971 issue of "The Jerusalem Post," an English-language newspaper published in Jerusalem, Israel, contained an article captioned "Lansky To Post IL50,000 Bond." The article notes that subject will deposit the above sum with the District Court of Tel Aviv to cover costs in the event he loses the IL one million libel suit he has brought against the Hebrew-language newspaper "Yediot Ahronot," published in Israel, for describing subject as a central figure in United States organized crime. It is noted that the above newspaper had asked for a bond of IL one hundred thousand.

Subject is suing the newspaper for "damage to his good name," resulting from a series of articles appearing in "Yediot Ahronot." The newspaper, in its defense, has stated that the subject "had no good name to be damaged."

The above article further noted that the Dan Hotels Company has withdrawn its IL one million libel suit against "Ha'aretz," a Hebrew-language newspaper published in Israel, in return for an apology by this newspaper (July 23, 1971), as well as a contribution to the Israeli Disabled Veterans Fund. "Ha'aretz" also agreed to pay for legal costs, which will include one-half of the court fee of IL five thousand paid by the Dan Hotels Company. It is noted that the Dan Hotels Company sued "Ha'aretz" for an article which appeared in that paper on May 14, 1971, alleging that subject was one of the heads of the "Miamigroup," which controls the Dan Hotel chain.



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Israeli newspapers for July 21 and July 22, 1971, published articles noting that subject was given an extension of his tourist visa for the sixth time. He now has an extension to August 21, 1971; his current visa was due to expire July 27, 1971. The extension was granted by the Minister of the Interior and the articles noted that "Ministry sources" stated July 21, 1971, that subject's future in Israel was still pending. These sources refused to comment on whether the one-month extension had been decided on after consultations with other Israeli Government agencies.



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Miami, Florida August 3, 1971

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MEYER LANSKY

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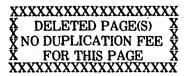
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Re TEL airtel 6/29/71 and cable 7/30/71.

Enclosed for Tel Aviv, are one copy each of

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Bern letter and LHM 4/24/69.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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Director. FBI (92-2831)

MEYER LANSKY,

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